

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method, comprising:
refusing, by a drive, to optically read information encoded on a first optically readable surface of an optical medium when required auxiliary information cannot be optically read from a second, exterior, optically readable surface, ~~one of the first and second~~ optically readable surface ~~surfaces~~ being underneath and optically read through the ~~other of the first and second~~ optically readable surfaces ~~surfaces~~.
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
optically reading, from the first optically readable surface, at least part of the information that indicates that the auxiliary information is required on the second optically readable surface.
3. (Canceled).
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the first optically readable surface is an internal data surface of the optical disk.
5. (Currently amended) An optical medium, comprising:
a first surface, the first surface comprising encoded information that comprises an indication that information encoded on a second surface is required to permit access to content on the first surface;
the information encoded on the second surface corresponding to the indication on the first surface; and
an upper optically readable surface of the first and second surfaces being partially reflective and permitting optical access to a lower optically readable

surface of the first and second surfaces underneath the upper optically readable surface;

wherein the second surface is an external surface.

6. (Currently amended) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:
the first surface being an internal data surface; and

~~the second surface being an external surface.~~

7. (Canceled).

8. (Canceled).

9. (Previously presented) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:
the information encoded on the second surface comprising a bar code.

10. (Previously presented) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:
the information encoded on at least one of the first and second surfaces
comprising data in a control block.

11. (Previously presented) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:
the information encoded on at least one of the first and second surfaces
comprising data encoded in groove wobble.

12. (Previously presented) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:
the information encoded on at least one of the first and second surfaces
comprising data embedded within other data.

13. (Previously presented) The optical medium of claim 5, further comprising:
the information encoded on the second surface comprising variable
information.

14. (Previously presented) The optical medium of claim 13, further comprising:
the information encoded on the second surface comprising a unique identifier of the optical medium.

15. (Currently amended) A drive for optical media, comprising:
a controller, the controller permitting external access to information encoded on an internal optically-readable first surface on an optical medium, only when required encoded information can be optically read ~~[[on]]~~ from an external second surface on the optical medium;

wherein the controller causes a lens to optically focus on a ~~lower~~ the internal optically-readable surface of the first and second surfaces through an upper optically-readable surface of the first and second external surface surfaces above the lower optically-readable surface.

16. (Currently amended) A drive for optical media, comprising:
means for detecting that information encoded on an external first surface of an optical medium is required;

means for refusing to permit external access ~~external to~~ information encoded on an internal second surface of the optical medium, unless the required information encoded on the first external surface can be read by the drive; and

means for optically focusing on a ~~lower optically~~ the internal readable surface of the first and second surfaces through an upper optically-readable the external surface of the first and second surfaces above the lower optically readable surface.